



Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission

Pres. – Dave Hacker V. Pres. – Kara Kish
Treasurer – Robert Shepherd Secretary – Dale Brier

January 9, 2019 1:00 pm
Riverside Park – McHale Pavilion
1212 Riverside Drive
Logansport, IN 46947

Attendance

Voting Members Present:

Adams County – Sandy Voglewede
Allen County – Ron Zartman
Carroll County – George Mears
Cass County – Arin Shaver
Fountain County – Robert Shepard
Gibson County – Bill Knowles
Huntington County - Dave Hacker
Parke County – Penny Cox
Sullivan County – John Gettinger
Tippecanoe Co. – Jim Andrew
Vermillion County – Les Zimmerman (alt)
Wabash County – Mike Beauchamp
Warren County – Steve Eberly
Wells County – Douglas Sundling
DNR – Dale Brier

Guests:

Phil Cox – Parke County Alternate
Allen Hurst – DNR
Dave Kitchell – Logansport Mayor
Jeff Kramer – Wabash County
Dan McCain – Carroll County
David McCain – Carroll County
Vanessa Rainwater – Tippecanoe Co. Alternate

Counties not represented:

Jay County
Knox County
Miami County
Posey County
Vigo County

Advisory Members Present:

Scott Chandler - INDOT

Meeting minutes

Call to Order, Introductions, Announce Proxies, Open Agenda

President Dave Hacker called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm. Everyone in attendance introduced himself or herself. Dale Brier announced there no were proxies for this meeting, but Sobhani gave his vote to Zimmerman and Weinzapfel gave his vote to Knowles. Knowles announced that Weinzapfel was not present due to having heart surgery the previous Monday. As such, he brought card for members and guests wishing to sign. There were no changes or additions to the agenda.

Review and Approval of July 11, 2018 Minutes

Andrew motioned to approve the minutes as written and Shepard seconded. Motion passed.

Comments from Visitors or Guests

Dan McCain presented a metal trail sign and inquired how many others were posting the sign. The sign references a law on agro tourism stating that trail users are responsible for their own

safety and the landowners are absolved of liability. McCain then brought up the challenge of connecting trails between counties. Particularly, he inquired if anyone had any luck in securing funding to widen county roads for a bike lane. He brought up the new \$90 million Next Level grants to which Brier noted those monies will be for stand-alone trails and not widening roads or sidewalks.

Kitchell, mayor of Logansport, values what the commission does and thanked them for their work. Continuing on the previous topic of Next Level Trails, Kitchell mentioned that connecting and expanding trails is something they are working on, mentioning the Nickle Plate Trail and Panhandle Pathway, both of which are near the Wabash River. Kitchell then invited anyone looking to work on projects that may involve Logansport to reach out to him.

Lastly, David McCain presented new trail maps for Delphi, Indiana and they are available for anyone who would like one.

Finance Report

Dale Brier handed out the current finance report (see attached). The current balance in the Wabash River Heritage Corridor Fund (WRHCF) is \$374,090. Due to \$300,000 awarded for grants, only \$74,090 is actually available. Revenue for the first half of the year is at around \$64,000, which is better than some recent years.

Treasurer Report

Shepard handed out the treasurer report and announced that the report is based on the DNR finance report. He then noted that the Historic Forks of the Wabash fund is five dollars higher than shown on the report due to Hacker donating the monies to keep the account active.

Committee Reports

Membership – No report.

River Road –Eberly is working to get a contract in place for work on the proposed River Road website. More info should be available to share at the next meeting.

News and Media – No report.

Grants – Montezuma and Merom were the two recipients of the grants, each for \$150,000. Phil Cox mentioned the Montezuma project should instead be called the Hillsdale project due to where the Bridge starts and is more appropriate. Brier agreed and future news on the matter would reflect this correction.

Gettinger announced he is very excited for the upcoming project in Merom, which the Wabash grant was awarded to.

Nominating – The nominating report listed Eberly for president with Hacker as vice president. No other nominations were made. Gettinger motioned to close nominations. Andrew seconded. Closing nominations were approved.

Old Business

Previous Funding Requests

Tippecanoe County Field Day, \$1000 – Rainwater announced this Field Day is for fourth grade students on the river in which volunteers set up five to six stations for educating the children about many different aspects of natural resources. It will be hosted at Martell Forest. Phil Cox inquired about proximities of events to the Wabash and what should be considered acceptable if it is going to receive funding. Rainwater notes that Martell forest is right on the river and the main subject of the event is dealing with water quality on the Wabash.

Wabash Riverfest, \$1000 – Andrew presented the information on the Wabash Riverfest. The event will be on the Wabash and will have many displays, many activities, including a float trip. The event is to get more people out and on the Wabash.

Shaver notes that both requests are from the same county and was curious if the same county is eligible for multiple funding's. Brier says this topic has come up and that the commission did not want to limit any individual county and that they are eligible for funding to different events. The noted exception is a county cannot receive multiple grants for one specific event.

Hacker asks for a motion to approve. Andrews motioned to approve, Eberly seconded the motion, and both sponsorships were approved.

New Business

New Funding Requests

Pedal, Paddle, & Play – Hacker presented on this event that will be held in Allen County. Effort to get people on Maumee, St. Joseph, and St. Marys Rivers. Each of which are on the edge of the Wabash area. The event is also expanding activities onto the Wabash. The event will take place June 8 and is asking for \$1,000. The commission has funded this event for at least two years already. Pedal, Paddle, & Play aims to educate about water activity and safety promoting getting people on the water as well as emphasizing its' cultural history.

Bluffton Health and Wellness series – Sundling requested a \$1000 sponsorship for Bluffton Parks Departments' 2019 Health & Wellness Series hosted in Wells County. The series hosts multiple events over the summer on and near the Wabash and promotes a community that values wellness and its greenspaces.

SOL Fest – Zartman asked for \$1,000 on behalf of Allen County Parks SOL Fest. SOL Fest is a two day festival with music, a children's area with activities and animals, and is just a goodtime highlighting sunshine, and outdoor living. SOL fest's aim is to raise money for a scholarship fund in Allen County. It will be May 4-5.

2019 Officer Elections

Ballet is as noted before. Hacker asked for motion. Shaver made a motion to elect Eberly for president and Hacker for vice-president, and Mears seconded. Motion passed. The election confirms Eberly as president and Hacker as vice president.

Brier then, on behalf of the commission, presented Hacker with a special gavel with his years of acting president engraved into it. Hacker thanked everyone and noted that he enjoyed his tenure as president but it was time for someone else to hold the position. Hacker hopes to continue to serve on the commission for as long as his county commissioners allow.



November 2019 Meeting Location

Brier announced that Vogelwede has offered to host the November meeting in Adams County.

Announcements & General Reminders/Discussion

Brier reminded Gettinger to inform him about specifics in concerns to the next meeting in Sullivan County in March.

Vogelwede announced that on Feb 5 the Soil and Water Conservation District & Farm Bureau are having their annual meeting that presents its annual report. A free dinner would be included so please let her know if anyone is interested for the food count. All are welcome!

Sundling inquired about the annual report about the Wabash Commission. Hacker says he prepared one and sent it over to Brier. Brier had not yet sent those around and noted he would do so in short order.

Beauchamp mentioned a book written about the journey of John and LaNae Abnet, who traversed from the source of the Wabash River through to the Gulf of Mexico. The book can be purchased for \$25 from him personally or can be purchased on their Facebook or website www.seperateboats.com. The books' title is "Paddling Edna".

Zimmerman is honored to be a part of the Wabash commission. Furthermore, he wanted to thank the WRHCC and the Division of Outdoor Recreation for the grants monies awarded for their project and that they are very appreciative.

Final comments by Commission members, alternates, and guests

Shaver wanted to thank everyone for coming to the meeting in Cass County. Gettinger announced that he saw in the paper the other day that the Henry Harrison home in Vincennes was awarded monies and then he provided a quick summary on the topic. Brier did some closing 'house cleaning' announcements including mentioning travel forms as well as presenting a gavel for newly elected president Eberly. Lastly, Eberly encouraged feedback from the commission and that is welcome in concerns to his new upcoming presidency.

Adjournment

Hacker called the meeting adjourned at 2:20 pm with a slam of his new gavel.

Next Meeting: March 13, 2019 at 1:00 pm.
 Sullivan County
 Merom Conference Center
 8555 Phillip St, Merom, IN 47861

48686 Wabash River Heritage Corridor Fund

FY19 as of 12/31/2018

<u>Account</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Revenue</u>
431401	AD - Oil and Gas royalty along		\$ 64,210.00
510101	Payroll Salaries & Wages	\$ 6,013.00	
516003	Payroll Social Security	\$ 430.00	
517003	Payroll Perf St Pd Em COntr	\$ 180.00	
517005	Payroll PERF State Share	\$ 673.00	
518105	Anthem CDHP1	\$ 1,239.00	
518606	Payroll Life Insurance	\$ 9.00	
518796	Payroll Anthem Dental Trad	\$ 55.00	
518800	Anthem Vision	\$ 4.00	
518901	Payroll Employee Assistance	\$ 1.00	
519006	Payroll Long Term Disability	\$ 45.00	
519503	Payroll Def Comp - StateMatch	\$ 36.00	
519721	Payroll Health Savings Acct 1	\$ 89.00	
541002	Mot Veh Ex - Gasoline	\$ 77.00	
546002	Off-Office Supplies		
592022	AdmOp-Late Payment Interest	\$ 1.00	
595110	InState Travel - Mileage	\$ 3,340.00	
595120	InState Travel - Per Diem&Meal	\$ 195.00	
595130	InState Travel - Lodging	\$ 443.00	
595170	InState Travel - Parking&Tolls	\$ 3.00	
599036	AdmOp-PostageMeter/Potage	\$ 332.00	
599116	AdmOp-Event Sponsor	\$ 3,600.00	
Total FY19 Expense To Date:		\$ 16,765.00	

Fund Balance:		
	12/31/2018	326,645
FY19 revenues		64,210
FY19 Expenses		16,765
balance as of 12/31/2018		374,090
DNR payroll	\$ 8,774.00	
travel costs	\$ 3,982.00	
sponsorships	\$ 3,600.00	
operating	\$ 409.00	
Total	\$ 16,765.00	